

MEETING MINUTES
DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED on May 12, 2008
NEWPORT COAST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Location: Newport Coast Community Center, Newport Ridge Room
5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 4, 2008

1. Welcome and Introductions. The meeting was convened at 5:31 p.m.

The following persons were in attendance:

- Committee members: Gerry Ross (Vice-Chairman), Dan Wampole, Jack Butefish and Council Members Nancy Gardner and Keith Curry.
- Members of the public: Peer Swan, Suzanne Chamberlain, John Chamberlain, Phil Bettencourt, Dolores Otting, Arlene Greer.
- City staff: Dave Kiff (Assistant City Manager), Wes Morgan (Director of Recreation and Senior Services).

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s). Minutes from the November 5, 2007 NCAC meeting were approved 5-0.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.

- Phil Bettencourt asked about progress in improving the intersection of Pelican Hill Road North and Newport Coast Drive. Approval of Montecito HOA and the Newport Coast Community Association was needed to conduct the work, which is in the City's budget.
- Peer Swan asked if the City had had further discussions with the Irvine Company or the County over making Coyote Canyon landfill a golf course. The City had not had any recent discussions on this issue.
- Dolores Otting said, "great job on the NCCC building" but is the City concerned about persons turning right onto San Joaquin Hills Road from Southbound Newport Coast Drive against red lights as persons make legal U-turns from SJH Road EB onto SJH Road WB to enter the Community Center. She asked whether additional enforcement be in place.
- Suzanne Chamberlain asked about the City's tree-trimming schedule, which differs from that of the Newport Ridge Association (City uses a 3-year trim cycle, NRCA uses a 1-year trim cycle). Kiff offered to put the General Services Department's arborist in contact with Merit Property Management to discuss the tree trim cycle.
- Kiff offered that the Newport Coast Elementary School had recently asked to allow parking on the Newport Coast Elementary School Loop Road. When the road was designed, parking on it was not envisioned.

4. Old Business

A. NCCC Community Center Update. Recreation Services Director Wes Morgan discussed the Center's operations - he told the Committee that:

- The Center's hours may change effective Summer-Fall 2008, allowing for special programming on Sundays, including rentals. Saturday hours would go to 8:00 to 2:00, from 9:00 to 3:00 today.
- Revenue from the Center to date is \$211,803.00
- More than 54% of the Center's use is from persons with Newport Coast addresses. 41% are from other Newport Beach addresses (including CDM). 5% come from non-Newport Beach addresses.
- Proposed new programming includes:
 - Movie Series in the Park - Black and White Movie Classics
 - Additional gym drop-in hours
 - Teen events, "teen buzz", Friday night teen nights
- Additional contract classes
- Summer Kids Camps
 - Science
 - Engineering with Legos
 - Cooking
 - Preschool
 - Computer - developing games and programs
 - Art
 - Cheer
 - Sports - basketball, indoor soccer
- New enhancements coming
 - Digital Message Board (inside near lobby)
 - Staining of walls and light standards (May 2008)
 - NCCC Sign on lawn
 - Seasonal color plantings
- The reservation system in place seems to work well - "no one has been turned away," said Morgan. NOTE: The current reservation system, which has been in place for Fall 2007 programs and Winter 2008 programs, allows residents of the Newport Coast roughly 3 weeks advance notice and advanced registration time.

Gerry Ross asked if there was any way that some of the above-ground utility boxes could be placed underground to improve the Center intersection's aesthetics. Arlene Greer asked about the prospects for community theater. Jim McGee wondered about a Summer Jazz Series at the Center. McGee noted that "everyone in the community thinks you've done a great job with the Community Center - I even hear that from people who opposed the Center early on - keep it up."

B. Newport Ridge Park Town Hall. Kiff mentioned that the Newport Ridge Community Association had held a "town hall" meeting on January 31, 2008, but

that he didn't know what transpired there. Arlene Greer mentioned that about 40 persons attended and that they formed a subcommittee to discuss ways of increasing communications with the City.

5. **New Business**

- A. **Recreation and Resource Management Plan for Buck Gully.** Kiff told the Committee that the City had hired the Irvine Ranch Conservancy (IRC) to develop a "Recreation and Resource Management Plan" for the City-held lands of Upper Buck Gully. The RRMP would look at the recreational and habitat preservation opportunities in the Gully, and would be under development over the upcoming months. Kiff asked the Committee to designate a liaison to the City as it develops the RRMP -- the Committee asked Phil Bettencourt and Peer Swan to serve in this role.
- B. **Should the NCAC move to a "meets as needed" schedule?** Kiff asked if the NCAC wanted to consider going away from bi-monthly meetings and instead meeting just when issues warrant a meeting, as do some other City-related committees (Media & Communications, various Ad Hoc Committees, more). The Committee deadlocked 3-3, resulting in the Committee staying on a bi-monthly meeting schedule.

6. **Issues/Action Items for Future Meetings.** The Committee suggested that Kiff place the following issues on the April 7th, 2008 (or later) meeting agenda:

- NCCC Reservation Preference System.
- Runoff issues in Buck Gully (what the City calls the Newport Coast Watershed Program).
- Parking on the Newport Coast Elementary Loop Road, if that issue develops further.
- Striping of Fire Lanes in the Newport Coast
- Newport Coast Entryway Signage
- Pelican Hill Road x NC Drive Intersection improvement schedule
- Newport Ridge Park ballfields
- City tree trim cycle v. that of NRCA

7. **Adjourn to Next Meeting.** The Committee adjourned at 6:45 p.m. and set its next regular meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7th, 2008 (later moved to Monday, May 12th, 2008) at the Newport Coast Community Center's *Newport Ridge Room*.

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